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Field Day just for fun

Sometimes it's nice to forget about points and just enjoy a little outdoor operating.

FCC okays changes to exam credit, test admin, emission type rules

In a wide-ranging Report and Order released June 9 that takes various proceedings into consideration, the FCC has revised the Amateur Service Part 97 rules to grant credit for written examination elements 3 (General) and 4 (Amateur Extra) to holders of "expired licenses that required passage of those elements." ARRL

Amateur radio operator active from Antarctica

IZ3SUS, is currently active as IA/IZ3SUS from Concordia Dome 'C' (WAP MNB-03), a French-Italian Multinational Base on the Antarctic Plateau.

Southgate

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II shown Raspberry Pi high altitude balloon

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was shown the Raspberry Pi High Altitude Balloon payload developed by M0RPI which transmitted slow scan digital video signals on 434 MHz from the first "Pi in the Sky." AMSAT-UK

AM broadcasters, hams have common interest in cleaning up noise sources

Society of Broadcast Engineers filed comments (drafted by W3KD) with the FCC regarding a worsening RF noise environment in the AM broadcast band.

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Magic on the magic band... (JT65A on 50MHz)

Magic on 50MHz is working stations that you can barely hear. G4VXE

The Elad FDM-S2 SDR: Unboxing, installing, and a first recording

Day One with the FDM-S2? So far, so good. The Elad application is very customizable.

The SWLing Post

How to

Activate a SOTA location on VHF

Being a VHF enthusiast, I prefer the challenge of making contacts above 50 MHz, so my SOTA contacts are usually on 2 Meters or 70 cm.

Amateurradio.com

Special events on-the-air

World Cup special events stations

To mark the FIFA World Cup of football competition now underway in Brazil, special event stations will be on the air until the end of July.

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Celebrate July 4th holiday with 13 Colonies special event stations

Each of the original 13 Colonies will be on the air with a special event station the week of July 1st through July 6th.

13 Colonies

Video

NASA modulates video signal over laser beam

The Optical Payload for Lasercomm Science has beamed video via laser from the International Space Station back to Earth.

NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

10 Meter FM from Ukraine on an HT

KD8RTT came across a DX QSO from Ukraine while listening in on his 10m HT KD8RTT

Astronaut cites amateur radio as influence

Alexander Gerst describes sitting with his grandfather while bouncing radio transmissions off the surface of the moon.

ReelNASA

Ham radio operators are key in severe weather situations

When tornadoes touch down, the National Weather Service depends on ham Skywarn spotters.

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